

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

January 2009

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended January 17, 2009, there were 512,600 persons employed in Saskatchewan during January 2009, a decrease of 3,400 from December 2008 but 16,600 more than the number employed in January 2008.

Agricultural employment was 39,100 persons in January 2009, up 2,300 from the December 2008 level and 2,800 more than the January 2008 agricultural employment level of 36,300. Non-agricultural employment was 473,500 persons in January 2009. This is a decrease of 5,700 from the December 2008 non-agriculture employment level of 479,200 but 13,800 more than January 2008.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for January 2009 was 4.6 percent. This is an increase of 0.6 percentage points from the December 2008 rate of 4.0 percent and 0.1 percentage points higher than the January 2008 level of 4.5 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 300 to 537,100 persons in January 2009 from 537,400 persons in December 2008. This is 17,800 more than the January 2008 labour force of 519,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.1 percentage points to 69.3 percent in January 2009 from 69.4 percent in December 2008. The January 2008 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.3 percent.

There were 24,600 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during January 2009. This is an increase of 3,200 from December 2008 and is 1,300 more than the number unemployed in January 2008.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 521,900 persons employed in Saskatchewan in January 2009, up 1,600 from the December 2008 level of 520,300 and is up 15,600 from the January 2008 employment level of 506,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January 2009 was 4.1 percent. This is a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the December 2008 rate of 4.2 percent but 0.2 percentage points higher than the January 2008 rate of 3.9 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 409,600 persons in January 2009 to 16,600,900 persons from 17,010,500 persons in December 2008. In January 2008, there were 16,710,800 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 1.5 percentage points to 7.8 percent from the December 2008 level of 6.3 percent. In January 2008, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.3 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.2 percent in January 2009. This is 0.6 percentage points higher than December 2008 and 1.4 percentage points higher than the January 2008 level of 5.8 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

| | January 2009 | December 2008 | January 2008 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| CANADA | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 18,008.7 | 18,155.8 | 17,834.0 | -147.1 | 174.7 |
| Employed ('000) | 16,600.9 | 17,010.5 | 16,710.8 | -409.6 | -109.9 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 13,306.0 | 13,665.8 | 13,502.5 | -359.8 | -196.5 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 3,294.9 | 3,344.6 | 3,208.4 | -49.7 | 86.5 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,407.9 | 1,145.3 | 1,123.2 | 262.6 | 284.7 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.8 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | | | | | |
| Seasonally Adjusted | 7.2 | 6.6 | 5.8 | 0.6 | 1.4 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 66.4 | 67.0 | 66.7 | -0.6 | -0.3 |
| SASKATCHEWAN | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 537.1 | 537.4 | 519.3 | -0.3 | 17.8 |
| Employed ('000) | 512.6 | 516.0 | 496.0 | -3.4 | 16.6 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 407.4 | 416.7 | 399.4 | -9.3 | 8.0 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 105.1 | 99.3 | 96.6 | 5.8 | 8.5 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 24.6 | 21.4 | 23.3 | 3.2 | 1.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.6 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | | | | | |
| Seasonally Adjusted | 4.1 | 4.2 | 3.9 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.3 | 69.4 | 68.3 | -0.1 | 1.0 |
| ALBERTA | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 2,096.3 | 2,097.9 | 2,043.4 | -1.6 | 52.9 |
| Employed ('000) | 1,994.1 | 2,011.2 | 1,970.6 | -17.1 | 23.5 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 1,630.6 | 1,654.8 | 1,638.6 | -24.2 | -8.0 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 363.6 | 356.4 | 332.1 | 7.2 | 31.5 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 102.2 | 86.8 | 72.8 | 15.4 | 29.4 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.9 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 0.8 | 1.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | | | | | |
| Seasonally Adjusted | 4.4 | 4.2 | 3.3 | 0.2 | 1.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 74.1 | 74.3 | 73.7 | -0.2 | 0.4 |
| MANITOBA | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 626.0 | 632.8 | 617.2 | -6.8 | 8.8 |
| Employed ('000) | 595.2 | 606.2 | 591.7 | -11.0 | 3.5 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 476.8 | 483.5 | 475.4 | -6.7 | 1.4 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 118.4 | 122.7 | 116.2 | -4.3 | 2.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 30.8 | 26.6 | 25.5 | 4.2 | 5.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.9 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | | | | | |
| Seasonally Adjusted | 4.6 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 0.3 | 0.8 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.4 | 69.2 | 68.3 | -0.8 | 0.1 |

TABLE 2
SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

| | <u>January</u> <u>2009</u> | <u>December</u> <u>2008</u> | <u>January</u> <u>2008</u> | <u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u> | <u>Change from</u> <u>Last Year</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|
| <u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u> | 537.1 | 537.4 | 519.3 | -0.3 | 17.8 |
| Male | 285.6 | 285.2 | 280.7 | 0.4 | 4.9 |
| Female | 251.5 | 252.1 | 238.6 | -0.6 | 12.9 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 94.5 | 97.1 | 93.8 | -2.6 | 0.7 |
| 25+ Years of age | 442.6 | 440.2 | 425.5 | 2.4 | 17.1 |
| <u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u> | 512.6 | 516.0 | 496.0 | -3.4 | 16.6 |
| Male | 270.0 | 273.1 | 266.3 | -3.1 | 3.7 |
| Female | 242.6 | 242.9 | 229.6 | -0.3 | 13.0 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 85.9 | 90.0 | 87.0 | -4.1 | -1.1 |
| 25+ Years of age | 426.7 | 426.0 | 409.0 | 0.7 | 17.7 |
| <u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u> | 24.6 | 21.4 | 23.3 | 3.2 | 1.3 |
| Male | 15.7 | 12.2 | 14.3 | 3.5 | 1.4 |
| Female | 8.9 | 9.2 | 8.9 | -0.3 | 0.0 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 8.6 | 7.2 | 6.8 | 1.4 | 1.8 |
| 25+ Years of age | 15.9 | 14.2 | 16.5 | 1.7 | -0.6 |
| <u>UNEMPLOYMENT</u> | | | | | |
| <u>RATE (%)</u> | 4.6 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| Male | 5.5 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 1.2 | 0.4 |
| Female | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.7 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 9.1 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 1.7 | 1.9 |
| 25+ Years of age | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 0.4 | -0.3 |
| <u>PARTICIPATION</u> | | | | | |
| <u>RATE (%)</u> | 69.3 | 69.4 | 68.3 | -0.1 | 1.0 |
| Male | 74.8 | 74.7 | 74.9 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| Female | 64.0 | 64.2 | 62.0 | -0.2 | 2.0 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 67.6 | 69.5 | 67.6 | -1.9 | 0.0 |
| 25+ Years of age | 69.7 | 69.4 | 68.5 | 0.3 | 1.2 |

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

TABLE 3
SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

| | <u>January 2009</u> | <u>December 2008</u> | <u>January 2008</u> | <u>Change from Last Month</u> | <u>Change from Last Year</u> |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u> | | | | | |
| Agriculture | 39.1 | 36.8 | 36.3 | 2.3 | 2.8 |
| Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas | 26.1 | 25.1 | 25.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Utilities | 5.2 | 6.2 | 4.9 | -1.0 | 0.3 |
| Construction | 35.0 | 39.9 | 32.7 | -4.9 | 2.3 |
| Manufacturing | 31.6 | 30.3 | 30.6 | 1.3 | 1.0 |
| Trade | 82.6 | 83.9 | 83.8 | -1.3 | -1.2 |
| Transportation and Warehousing | 22.8 | 23.3 | 25.6 | -0.5 | -2.8 |
| Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing | 30.2 | 29.1 | 26.9 | 1.1 | 3.3 |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical Services | 20.5 | 20.5 | 18.6 | 0.0 | 1.9 |
| Business, Building and Other Support Services | 11.7 | 11.8 | 10.2 | -0.1 | 1.5 |
| Educational Services | 42.5 | 40.3 | 40.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 63.0 | 63.0 | 59.2 | 0.0 | 3.8 |
| Information, Culture and Recreation | 19.9 | 20.2 | 21.5 | -0.3 | -1.6 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 29.4 | 32.3 | 30.5 | -2.9 | -1.1 |
| Other Services | 24.3 | 24.1 | 22.6 | 0.2 | 1.7 |
| Public Administration | 28.9 | 29.2 | 27.5 | -0.3 | 1.4 |
| Total | 512.6 | 516.0 | 496.0 | -3.4 | 16.6 |
| <u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u> | | | | | |
| Full-Time | 407.4 | 416.7 | 399.4 | -9.3 | 8.0 |
| Part-Time | 105.1 | 99.3 | 96.6 | 5.8 | 8.5 |
| <u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u> | | | | | |
| Employees | 417.6 | 421.1 | 408.0 | -3.5 | 9.6 |
| Public Sector | 131.5 | 130.4 | 123.6 | 1.1 | 7.9 |
| Private Sector | 286.1 | 290.6 | 284.4 | -4.5 | 1.7 |
| Self-Employed | 95.0 | 94.9 | 88.0 | 0.1 | 7.0 |

TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

| | January <u>2009</u> | December <u>2008</u> | January <u>2008</u> | Change from <u>Last Month</u> | Change from <u>Last Year</u> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u> | | | | | |
| Canada | 16,600.9 | 17,010.5 | 16,710.8 | -409.6 | -109.9 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 199.1 | 209.2 | 206.5 | -10.1 | -7.4 |
| Prince Edward Island | 63.3 | 66.3 | 65.2 | -3.0 | -1.9 |
| Nova Scotia | 439.4 | 452.6 | 436.8 | -13.2 | 2.6 |
| New Brunswick | 353.3 | 360.2 | 350.1 | -6.9 | 3.2 |
| Quebec | 3,746.7 | 3,850.2 | 3,785.9 | -103.5 | -39.2 |
| Ontario | 6,463.6 | 6,645.9 | 6,533.8 | -182.3 | -70.2 |
| Manitoba | 595.2 | 606.2 | 591.7 | -11.0 | 3.5 |
| Saskatchewan | 512.6 | 516.0 | 496.0 | -3.4 | 16.6 |
| Alberta | 1,994.1 | 2,011.2 | 1,970.6 | -17.1 | 23.5 |
| British Columbia | 2,233.7 | 2,292.8 | 2,274.3 | -59.1 | -40.6 |
| <u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u> | | | | | |
| Canada | 7.8 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 17.2 | 13.9 | 14.6 | 3.3 | 2.6 |
| Prince Edward Island | 15.9 | 14.0 | 14.0 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| Nova Scotia | 9.9 | 7.4 | 8.3 | 2.5 | 1.6 |
| New Brunswick | 9.8 | 8.5 | 9.3 | 1.3 | 0.5 |
| Quebec | 9.0 | 7.3 | 7.8 | 1.7 | 1.2 |
| Ontario | 8.2 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| Manitoba | 4.9 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| Saskatchewan | 4.6 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| Alberta | 4.9 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 0.8 | 1.3 |
| British Columbia | 6.7 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 1.7 | 2.2 |

TABLE 5

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS
(3 Month Moving Average)

| | Nov-Jan 2009 | Oct-Dec 2008 | Nov-Jan 2008 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| CANADIAN CITIES | | | | | |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | | |
| St. John's | 6.6 | 6.1 | 6.8 | 0.5 | -0.2 |
| Halifax | 5.4 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| Saint John | 5.6 | 5.5 | 3.9 | 0.1 | 1.7 |
| Quebec | 4.2 | 3.7 | 5.6 | 0.5 | -1.4 |
| Montreal | 8.1 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau | 4.4 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Greater Sudbury | 5.8 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| Toronto | 7.4 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| Winnipeg | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Regina | 3.0 | 3.0 | 4.2 | 0.0 | -1.2 |
| Saskatoon | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| Calgary | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.1 | 0.4 | 1.1 |
| Edmonton | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| Vancouver | 4.9 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 0.5 | 1.2 |
| Victoria | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 0.3 | 0.9 |
| SASKATCHEWAN | | | | | |
| ECONOMIC REGIONS | | | | | |
| EMPLOYMENT ('000) | | | | | |
| Regina-Moose Mountain | 156.1 | 157.4 | 151.0 | -1.3 | 5.1 |
| Swift Current-Moose Jaw | 53.3 | 53.4 | 53.1 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| Saskatoon-Biggar | 169.1 | 169.5 | 163.8 | -0.4 | 5.3 |
| Yorkton-Melville | 39.5 | 40.5 | 41.4 | -1.0 | -1.9 |
| Prince Albert & Northern | 98.4 | 98.7 | 91.0 | -0.3 | 7.4 |

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 6

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER
(3 Month Moving Average)

| | Nov-Jan 2009 | Oct-Dec 2008 | Nov-Jan 2008 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| TOTAL POPULATION | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 536.0 | 537.0 | 520.6 | -1.0 | 15.4 |
| Employed ('000) | 514.6 | 517.7 | 499.6 | -3.1 | 15.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 21.4 | 19.2 | 21.0 | 2.2 | 0.4 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.0 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.3 | 69.5 | 68.7 | -0.2 | 0.6 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 66.5 | 67.0 | 65.9 | -0.5 | 0.6 |
| NON-aboriginal | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 495.3 | 495.9 | 482.2 | -0.6 | 13.1 |
| Employed ('000) | 477.5 | 480.7 | 466.1 | -3.2 | 11.4 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 17.7 | 15.1 | 16.1 | 2.6 | 1.6 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 3.6 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.6 | 69.7 | 69.1 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 67.1 | 67.6 | 66.8 | -0.5 | 0.3 |
| aboriginal | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 40.8 | 41.1 | 38.4 | -0.3 | 2.4 |
| Employed ('000) | 37.1 | 37.0 | 33.5 | 0.1 | 3.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.9 | -0.4 | -1.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.1 | 9.9 | 12.7 | -0.8 | -3.6 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.9 | 66.5 | 63.5 | -0.6 | 2.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 59.9 | 59.9 | 55.4 | 0.0 | 4.5 |
| NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 17.5 | 17.5 | 14.8 | 0.0 | 2.7 |
| Employed ('000) | 15.3 | 14.9 | 12.5 | 0.4 | 2.8 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.4 | -0.3 | -0.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 12.3 | 14.6 | 16.0 | -2.3 | -3.7 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 62.6 | 62.7 | 54.2 | -0.1 | 8.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 54.9 | 53.6 | 45.5 | 1.3 | 9.4 |
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| Labour Force ('000) | 23.2 | 23.5 | 23.5 | -0.3 | -0.3 |
| Employed ('000) | 21.6 | 22.0 | 21.0 | -0.4 | 0.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1.6 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 0.1 | -0.9 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.7 | 6.5 | 10.7 | 0.2 | -4.0 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.8 | 70.0 | 71.0 | -1.2 | -2.2 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 64.1 | 65.4 | 63.4 | -1.3 | 0.7 |

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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